

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, March 26, 2013
7:30 p.m. – 9:28 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Andrew Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn, Catlin, Dennis, Stullich (arrived at 7:37 p.m.), Day, Afzali and Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Bob Stumpff, Director of Public Works; Terry Schum, Director of Planning.

Mayor Fellows opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Catlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Day to approve the minutes of the Special Session on March 5, 2013; Regular Meeting of March 12, 2013; and the Special Session on March 19, 2013. The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

Announcements:

Councilmember Wojahn said there will be a meeting of the Neighborhood Stabilization Quality of Life Workgroup on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Their next Public Forum will be held on Tuesday, April 30; please mark your calendars. He mentioned the next basketball game of the “College Park Dream Team” will be on Friday, April 12.

Councilmember Kabir said on April 29 there will be a town hall meeting on the FY ’14 budget at Davis Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember Mitchell requested an update/status report on the Neighborhood Stabilization Quality of Life Workgroup. Councilmember Wojahn said there would be more to report after the meeting on Thursday. All of the strategies recommended by the Task Forces will be posted on the City’s website prior to the Public Forum.

(Councilmember Stullich arrived.)

Amendments to the Agenda: Without objection, Councilmember Afzali moved 13-O-02, 13-G-45 and 13-G-46 to the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Wojahn requested adding an agenda item, 13-G-50, concerning SB 1029. Information is in the red folders and it is time sensitive. He also requested to add another appointment to the Boards and Committees list for appointment tonight. There was no objection.

City Manager’s Report: Mr. Nagro said the Public Works yard will be open four Saturdays in April for clean-up from 7:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Friday, March 29 is the Good Friday holiday. He requested Council’s feedback on the information item that was in the packet on using City funds to purchase “Live Scan” that would be used by local police agencies and located at the

University of Maryland police department. Council gave the OK. He pointed out a reminder that is in the red folder about how to address possible conflicts of interest in light of the upcoming budget Worksessions. If there are any questions, Councilmembers can follow up with the Ethics Commission. The budget will be sent home to Council on Thursday, and will be posted on the website on Monday.

Comments from the Audience on Non-Agenda Items:

Emily Adams, University of Maryland Office of Community Engagement: The second annual Good Neighbor Day will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 9 – 1:30 p.m. rain or shine. Meet at the College Park Community Center. This is a partnership between the University of Maryland, City of College Park, and Park & Planning Commission.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Councilmember Catlin and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to adopt the consent agenda, which consisted of the following:

- 13-G-43 Award of Contracts to 1) Traffic Systems & Technology in the amount of \$22,460 plus freight for the purchase of two sets of Spot Device Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons, and to 2) Scott A. Duncan, Inc. for \$11,000 for the installation of the RRFBs on Rhode Island Avenue at Cherokee Street and Muskogee Street, for a total cost of \$33,460 plus freight. The funding source is Reserved Accounts Restricted 291-07.**
- 13-G-44 Approval of purchase of three ¾-ton Ford 4x4 Replacement Pickup Trucks from Apple Ford (State of Maryland BPO No. 001B3400276) for \$68,490 (\$22,830.00 each), and three Boss 7'6" Super-Duty Electric Snow Plow Packages from Intercon Truck Equipment for \$11,760.00 (3,920.00 Each). The total cost per truck is \$26,750.00 or \$80,250.00 for three. The funding source is Vehicle Replacement CIP 925061.**
- 13-O-02 Adoption of 13-O-02, An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 30 "Districts, Council" To Amend The Adopted Redistricting Plan For Council Member Elections To Include Land Annexed Since The Adoption Of Ordinance 11-O-09 (the Domain area) into Council Election District 3**
- 13-G-45 Approval of the City's Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team 3-Year Action Plan**
- 13-G-46 Approval, in concept, of a lease agreement and revised agreement with Prince George's County for two SSTAP buses (Call-A-Bus), and for providing insurance for the two buses through the City's policy with LGIT, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney, and authorization for the City Manager to sign the agreements.**

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

Action Items

13-G-48 Approval of a letter to the County's PZED Committee with comments on CB-6 (Transit Oriented Priority Development) and CB-12 (Expedited Transit-Oriented Development)

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Mitchell to approve the letter to the Prince George's County Planning Zoning and Economic Development Committee supporting draft 2-A of CB-6-2013 with an amendment, and opposing draft 2 of CB-12-2013.

Councilmember Wojahn said these two bills are before the PZED committee aimed at facilitating transit oriented development by creating expedited development review for projects near a transit station. Both bills eliminate the requirement for a conceptual site plan but otherwise contain different definitions and provisions. Only one of these bills can be implemented and the Council favors CB-6-2013; it has a smaller radius that defines transit stations and maintains the current public input procedures for these developments.

Councilmember Wojahn discussed a resident concern about the definition of "transit oriented development" – it could mean automobile transit. Ms. Schum discussed the possible interpretations but said these bills are about expediting projects near transit stations throughout the County, and not all are urban.

The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

13-G-49 Approval of City position on HB 929 - Motor Vehicles – Speed Monitoring Systems - Local Jurisdictions

Ms. Ferguson discussed the recent activity on this bill and recommended that the Council wait for further amendments and take no position tonight. Council will revisit this bill at next week's Worksession.

13-G-50 Approval of Comments on SB 1029 – Agricultural Certainty

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to send a letter to the District 21 delegation expressing concerns and raising questions about SB 1029.

Councilmember Wojahn said this bill would establish agricultural certainty to allow 10 years before the agriculture industry has to comply with environmental regulations and in the interim they would voluntarily submit reports on how they are reducing their pollutants into the Bay. He recommends that the Council express concerns about the protections this bill would offer the Bay. Councilmember Stullich noted that the Chesapeake Bay Foundation is supporting this bill. She has not had time to study the issue and believes it would be too hasty to take a position tonight. Councilmember Wojahn said the Sierra Club approached he and Mayor Fellows and

asked the City to oppose the bill, but he recognizes this is a complicated matter and instead decided to propose a position of concern and raise questions about the bill.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Catlin to table this item to next week's Worksession.

13-G-47 Appointments To Boards and Committees

A motion was made by Councilmember Kabir and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to reappoint Dave Turley to the Animal Welfare Committee and to appoint Robert Boone as Chair of the Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee. The motion passed 8 – 0 – 0.

PRESENTATION

Formula 2040: Preliminary Functional Master Plan for Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Joe O'Neill, M-NCPPC Department of Parks and Recreation. The full plan is available on-line. A joint public hearing will be held on April 9. Written comments are due to the Clerk of Council 30 days after public hearing.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Mitchell asked if the City would provide transportation to the public hearing on April 9 on Formula 2040. Mayor Fellows said if there was a large enough number of residents who wanted to go we might be able to arrange it.

Councilmember Kabir asked if the Council would approve use of the City Attorney's time to establish a 501(c)(3) for residents in north College Park who are interested in establishing a farmers market. Ms. Ferguson said she discussed this with Councilmembers Wojahn and Kabir last week and understands what they are looking for, but said the Council would need to OK that use of her time. Mr. Nagro expressed his concern that if there are other groups in the City that want to establish a 501(c)(3) where would we draw the line? If you provide this service for one group then other groups would expect the same. Mayor Fellows expressed concerns about having City staff advise residents on non-City business, and that this would in effect create a competing market. Mr. Nagro requested this be discussed at a future Worksession so Council can discuss and decide on the direction to staff.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilmember Stulich and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to adjourn the meeting. With a vote of 8 – 0 – 0, Mayor Fellows adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC
City Clerk

Date
Approved